

# Sons of Veterans and Women of the South Hold Important Meetings

## SONS MUST WORK AS FATHERS DID

Commander Apperson Sounds Appeal to Younger Men of the South.

NORTH CAROLINA SILENT

Division Commander of West Virginia Has Ignored Commander-in-Chief.

At yesterday's session of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans at the City Auditorium the attendance was hardly so great as on the opening day. The weather militated against a large attendance, although there were many prominent Sons in the city. As the call of division officers for reports showed a little later, many of these were absent. Of the seventy-five or eighty persons present, the majority were officers of the various grand and subordinate organizations. A few ladies representing the Daughters of the Confederacy and the sponsors and maids came in and remained a while, but the program was largely routine and statistical, with several talks toward the close in the interest of the organization and the upbuilding of its work in certain States.

The report of the credentials committee, submitted near the close of the session, showed about eighty camps with paid-up membership entitling them to about 500 votes present, these representing according to the basis of apportionment about 5,000 members in good standing. The convention being a delegated rather than a mass body, the attendance at the sessions does not fairly indicate the power of the organization.

**Work in Divisions.**  
Commander-in-Chief Owen presided during the entire session, and the day's proceedings were again opened with prayer by the chaplain-general of the order.

The report of the committee on credentials was deferred for a time, and the commander-in-chief called upon various division commanders, who made brief verbal reports of the work of their several divisions during the year. Commander Banks, of the Virginia Division, reported that the membership was growing and interest well sustained, and that the work of rearing monuments, of relief of needy veterans and widows, and of collecting historical data, was being prosecuted by the several divisions. Not a few of the States mentioned what their States were doing for the aid of veterans and widows in pensions and soldiers' homes. Commander Williams, of Georgia, said that his State was now appropriating one million dollars annually to Confederate veterans.

Commander Matthews, of the Army of the Tennessee, reported that the division had reared a monument to Sam Davis, a Confederate hero, and that more camps of Sons had been organized in 1906-1907 in Tennessee than in any other State.

**Reports Submitted.**  
Comrade Streeter, who reported orally for the division of the District of Columbia, gave a good account of the work of the Sons there. He cited the fact that the bodies of Confederate soldiers who had died in the District of Columbia had been buried in Arlington Cemetery in a special Confederate section, and their graves were appropriately marked in each case.

One of the delegates was about to offer a resolution of sympathy with the commander in the illness of his wife, when Commander Owen, with expressions of appreciation, informed him that such action had already been taken. He added the gratifying information that Mrs. Owen was much better and on the road to recovery.

Comrade George B. Thimberman spoke for the South Carolina Division. He said that since he had been at its head the division had improved somewhat, but that it was still had enough. He pledged to the confederation that the division of South Carolina would next year make a showing from 300 to 500 per cent. better than this year.

Comrade J. S. Hilliard, commander of the Texas Division, reported orally on the work of the division, but also filed a formal written report of twenty days ago. He invited the veterans and the Sons to have the 1908 convention at San Antonio, and pledged them the largest attendance of Veterans and Sons ever seen in that State.

Comrade Scudder, of Vicksburg, Miss., reported orally for that State in the absence of the commander. He said that the Sons in the State that gave the Confederacy its only President have accomplished something during the year. He promised that the State would increase the number of camps during the year. This was one of the best reports submitted.

**Lack of Co-operation.**  
Commander J. Mercer Garnett, of the Maryland Division, reported that Baltimore had the only camp of Sons in the State, this being organized in 1892 with a membership of twenty-five. Confederate matters generally have not evoked the enthusiasm generally manifested in Virginia and some other Southern States.

Comrade Smith, of Fayetteville, W. Va., reported for that division, expressing regret that the commander-in-chief had not had the co-operation of the division commander in that State. Commander-in-Chief Owen stated that the division commander of West Virginia had not replied to a single communication sent him.

Commander Owen called for a report from the North Carolina Division, but there was only silence as a response, there being not a Son from that State present. This was a subject for general comment, for for six years the Sons, which constituted most men to the Confederacy, the ruler, man killed and the last man slain, was taking such little interest in the perpetuation of the name and fame of their fathers.

When the Oklahoma Division was called, Commander Kirk was not present, and that State was passed for the time being.

## FATHER AND SON BOTH SERVED



A. C. LAKE. L. LAKE.  
Two of the most interesting figures at the reunion are Major L. Lake, of Oxford, Miss., and his son, Mr. A. C. Lake, both of whom served through the war. This is the only instance known where father and son who fought side by side in 1861 are still both alive. Major Lake, who was on the staff of General Joseph E. Johnston, is ninety-two years of age, and is still hale and hearty. He will appear mounted in the parade on Monday. His son is sixty-three years of age, and is himself a grandfather.

was never in more prosperous condition. It gave banquets three or four times a year, and at each meeting one or more historical papers were read. The Florida, Arkansas, Alabama and Louisiana Divisions had forwarded written statistical reports, but no one supplemented these with oral reports, although Commander Owen stated that Comrade Green, of Louisiana, was literally consumed with enthusiasm.

**Department Commander Tisdale,** of the Trans-Mississippi Department, was called upon and commended the division commander of Texas. Commander Owen then asked for a discussion of some of the problems of camp life and introduced several representatives of the most prosperous and active camps. He introduced Comrade W. O. Hart, of Beauregard Camp, New Orleans, which he characterized as the banner camp. He cited the fact that the first suggestion of the celebration of the centenary of Robert E. Lee's birth came from Beauregard Camp, and that this camp was also the first to propose the celebration of the Davis centenary next year. The speaker warmly commended his camp and stated that it was doing excellent historical and relief work.

**Appeal to Sons.**  
Commander-in-Chief Owen next called upon Commander Apperson, of N. B. Forrest Camp, of Memphis, which has the largest number of Sons enrolled of any camp in the confederation. "If we can't have the banner camp," said Mr. Apperson, "we are glad to see our sister city of New Orleans have it," and the convention applauded his generous sentiment. He stated that even in this age of commercialism nothing ever overrode sentiment in Memphis. He said that this was no new South, but the old, and urged his comrades to take up the work and build upon the same sure foundations upon which their forefathers had built.

Comrade Carpenter, of Bay City, Texas, reported a completely uniformed camp of ten members, named for Phil Pearson, whose father was a Carolinian who invited the camp to meet at San Antonio next year.

Commander E. B. Thomason, of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, of this city, spoke briefly of the work of the excellent local camp, declaring that the Sons were beginning to have the people and the cause of the South understood. He gave a good account of the camp also. At this point the committee on credentials submitted its report, through Chairman Smith, of West Virginia, the report showing 433 votes represented and 78 camps. He stated that a supplementary report would be filed, as several camps have come in since this report was compiled.

**Tribute to Owen.**  
Commander Clarence J. Owens, of Mobile, a magnetic and optimistic Son,

possible we should secure the model or design. The artist executes an idea given him. To secure the best idea, your committee authorized me to offer a prize. There are about seventy-five competitors for this prize, offering ideas for the said design for a statue or group in bronze, from all parts of the South, which evidences a widespread interest in the memorial. The committee on award will open and decide, I trust, during the Richmond reunion.

"Appreciating the vast importance of having the support of the good women in this, your grand movement, and with your approval, I appeared before the United Daughters of the Confederacy at their Gulf Port Convention and fortunately secured their unanimous approval and promise of support. Mrs. Lizzie George Henderson, their president-general, in her annual report, most cordially recommended the good cause.

"It may be doubted, from action heretofore taken, if the Sons desire more than one memorial to be erected in each State. I admit there are many pros and cons. But I am convinced—and I have come in contact with the feeling in many places—that it would be best that the Sons should authorize having as many as possible, in order that the magnificent lessons of the heroism of these grand women may be imbibed by every one, and that your appreciation of it may be duly seen by all men. I would not advise that they be confined to one for each State, but let every city, town and hamlet which cares to erect them, have them. Of course, out of the general funds, we can give only one to each State, but I would suggest that the Sons take formal action allowing each of the statue to be sold at cost to all who may wish to purchase and erect them, under proper guarantees.

"I can safely say that the sentiment has been largely aroused, and that it now becomes our duty to devise the proper means to reap the reward of our efforts. It can be done and I trust that during the Richmond Reunion some practical plan can be decided on to accomplish this."

Dr. Tichenor, of Mississippi, opposed the project of erecting bronze statues in the several States, each of which was but a reproduction of the first cast, and advocated one superb memorial for the entire South. He stated that he had offered a resolution on the subject in the veterans' reunion, and that it would come up for consideration at this afternoon session.

The convention showed a disposition to discuss the matter, but a motion was made to postpone until after the action of the veterans to-day.

Mr. Edwin P. Cox, of Richmond, moved as a substitute that the matter be laid on the table without prejudice until to-day. This motion prevailed.

**Afternoon Session.**  
Sons Devote Time to Discussion of Woman's Monument Project.  
The entire session of the Sons of Veterans in the afternoon, lasting until nearly 6 P. M. was consumed by a discussion of the woman's monument project and means of raising money with which to erect memorials in the several Confederate States. The attendance was not large and the delegates and ladies present occupied seats on the capacious stage, thus bringing all closer together.

Colonel James Mann, of Norfolk, chairman of the monument committee, submitted an oral report. He stated that something like \$8,000 had been raised for the monument project, or several thousand more than in any previous year.

General C. Irvine Walker, special representative of the Sons in this movement had been zealous and efficient in his work and especially in eliciting the interest of the press in the matter. Colonel Mann made a plea for more active work by all the camps and stated that it was desired to raise at least \$35,000 for the purpose. He mentioned the fact that an amendment to the constitution had been offered, increasing the per capita assessment by \$2.50 for the next two years, but declared that he was not in favor of this plan.

**General Walker's Report.**  
General Walker addressed the Sons, his address being in the nature of a report of his work during the year. This report embraced a list of the newspapers in the South which had published special woman's monument supplements, and stated that these publications had, to a great extent, aroused public sentiment on the subject. In the course of his report General Walker said:

"I introduced into, and the United Confederate Veterans Federation passed resolutions directing each of its camps to raise a minimum amount of \$50. The response to this effort has produced about \$4,500. This I will turn over at the proper time. I will continue to keep them aroused, and hope for much larger results."

"The wise decision of your committee as to the form of the memorial, giving at least one to each State of the Confederacy, has met a most general approval, and will, I believe, materially aid you in the further prosecution of this work. I think that just as soon as

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**DIRECTIONS FOR VETERANS.**  
Cars to Auditorium.  
Along Main Street—All Main Street cars to Linden and Main Streets, and then walk one block south.

All Oakwood and Main Street cars pass the doors.  
All Ninth Street and Hollywood cars pass the Auditorium.

**Broad Street—**  
Oakwood and Broad Street cars pass the doors.  
All Ninth Street and Hollywood cars pass the doors.

Leave Laurel Street cars at Cary and Laurel Streets, and walk two blocks west.  
Along Clay Street and on Church Hill—Leave Clay Street line at Harrison and Main Streets, and then walk two blocks east and one block south.

**Cars Lines to Horse Show Building, Idlewood and the Reservoir.**  
Main Street Line—All cars marked Main, Broad and Main and Clay Streets go direct to the Horse Show Building, Idlewood Park and the Reservoir.

**On Broad Street—**  
All cars marked Broad and Twenty-fifth Streets, Broad and Main, Ninth Street to Reservoir, go past Camp Gordon and direct to the Horse Show Building, Idlewood and the Reservoir.

**Army and Navy Surgeons—**Street Railway Y. M. C. A. Building, near Horse Show Building.

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## DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT



MRS. J. A. HAYES, daughter of President Davis, and her two sons, who will unveil Davis Monument on Monday. Mrs. Hayes, with her daughter and one of the boys, was in the receiving line at the Confederate Museum yesterday, and was greeted by all the veterans.

## MEMORIAL DAY ON JUNE 3 IN SOUTH

Mrs. Behan Calls on Women for Earnest and Persistent Efforts.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Gavel Made from Root of Tree at Jamestown Presented by Mrs. Ellyson.

The second day's session of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, which is meeting at the Second Baptist Church, was opened with prayer by the Rev. Landon R. Mason. This was followed by a brief address of welcome by Mrs. John T. Hughes, on behalf of the Oakwood Memorial Association, of which she is president.

The next address was by Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson, president of the Hollywood Memorial Association. She spoke in part as follows:

"Madam President and Delegates of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, I have very great pleasure on behalf of the Hollywood Memorial Association of Richmond, organized in May, 1866, of bidding you welcome to our city within whose cemeteries lie buried more than 30,000 Confederate soldiers who either died on the field of battle or in our hospitals."

**Gavel Presented.**  
"We rejoice in the work you are doing throughout our Southland, which gives you such a claim upon the affection of all who revere the memory of the men who gave their lives for the cause—though lost was still just. I greet you in the name of your association and desire to express to

you our delight at your meeting in our city, whose proudest boast is that she was thought worthy to be chosen the Capital of the Confederate States. I extend you a cordial welcome to our city and to our State, upon whose soil at Jamestown Island this great nation was born, 200 years ago."

"This gavel, which I wish to present, is made from the root of a tree which grew near the old tower on Jamestown Island, with the request that it be used during the eighth annual convention of the association. May God bless and prosper you in your work."

Mrs. N. V. Randolph then welcomed the delegates on behalf of the Daughters of the Confederacy. She spoke very briefly, but most heartily.

Reports were then heard from the corresponding secretary and treasurer. The recording secretary reported a total of 72 associations enrolled in the confederation, as follows: Alabama, 10; Arkansas, 1; Florida, 2; Georgia, 16; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 4; Mississippi, 4; Missouri, 6; North Carolina, 1; South Carolina, 2; Tennessee, 4; Texas, 1; Virginia, 15.

The report of the credential committee showed 43 delegates and 26 alternates.

**President's Report.**  
The president's report followed. In part he said:

"Dear Friends and Co-Workers, It affords me great pleasure to meet you in this historic city, once the 'seat of war,' now one of the most prosperous cities of the South, and the proud depository of the most precious relics of the Southern Confederacy."

"This year found us without any special work, and more time was devoted to local work, which, from all accounts, is being enthusiastically carried on. We notice with satisfaction great interest in the exercises of Memorial Day, the one day in the year when the memorial women come to the front and prove their loyalty and devotion to the trust placed in them immediately after the surrender. It is a pleasure to note that the younger generation is taking an interest in memorial work."

"The report goes on to trace the growth of the association since its inception in May, 1900, when the confederation was formed with thirteen

memorial associations represented. "Before closing this report, I wish to recommend most heartily the following outline of work, and hope to have the co-operation of the State vice-presidents in its successful accomplishment. First, one of the most important works that can be undertaken is the formation of junior memorial associations to assist senior associations on Memorial Day."

"Second, State vice-presidents are requested to renew their efforts to enroll in the confederation such memorial associations as are known to still exist."

**Memorial Day.**  
"Third, I recommend that earnest and persistent efforts be made to secure the adoption of June 3rd as universal Memorial Day throughout the South."

"Fourth, that if he generally made known that June 3, 1908, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis, and that all memorial associations adopt the proper measures to celebrate the occasion in the most appropriate manner. The Jefferson Davis Memorial Association of New Orleans confidently expects to lay the corner-stone of the Jefferson Davis Monument in New Orleans on June 3rd next."

"My sincere thanks are due to the officers and members who have encouraged me in the work and have shown me many courtesies during the year."

"Respectfully submitted,  
"(Signed) MRS. W. J. BEHAN."

**Other Reports.**  
Reports from the State vice-presidents of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, South Carolina, and Virginia were then read, that from Arkansas being particularly interesting.

Mrs. Behan then paid a tribute to Mrs. Garland Jones, of Raleigh, N. C., who was vice-president from North Carolina, and whose death occurred during the past year.

Miss Walker, of Augusta, Ga., read a lengthy report as historian of the association.

The delegates and officers will go to Petersburg on Tuesday, where they will be entertained by the memorial association.

After the adjournment an elegant luncheon was served to all present. Miss Betty Ellyson was in charge of arrangements for this luncheon, and much credit is due her for its success.

**YOUNGEST VET LOSES IRON CROSS**  
W. H. Hopkins, of This City, Winner of Times-Dispatch Trophy, Mourns.

Mr. W. F. Hopkins, of No. 224 South Pine Street, this city, the youngest Confederate veteran in the service, who was awarded the jeweled cross presented by The Times-Dispatch in recognition of this unique distinction, had the misfortune to lose the treasured trophy yesterday afternoon from the metallic bar to which it was attached. Mr. Hopkins is greatly grieved at the loss of this trophy, which he prizes beyond money value, and which will be of no value to any one save the rightful owner. It is inscribed with his name and the words, "Presented by The Times-Dispatch to the youngest Confederate soldier." Mr. Hopkins is very anxious to recover the cross, and will pay a liberal reward if it is returned to him at his residence, No. 224 South Pine Street.

The winner of this unique trophy was but eleven years, five months and seventeen days old when he entered the Confederate service in 1861, and served thereafter to the close of the war.

**Invited to Washington**  
Washington, D. C., May 30, 1907. Editor of The Times-Dispatch:—

Washington wants the next session of Confederate Veterans to be held here in 1908. This is a Southern city, and the hospitality of the Southern people has never been questioned. Let the "Boys in Gray" come to our beautiful city next year, and they will be given a hearty welcome.

EDWARD D. SOUTHWATE, 432 Warner Street, N. W.

## Things Visiting Veterans Will Want to Know:

### GENERAL INFORMATION.

Headquarters of Commander-in-Chief—Jefferson Hotel.

Headquarters of Daughters of Confederacy—Murphy's Hotel.

Headquarters General Committee—John W. Gordon, chairman; room 703, Mutual Building.

Headquarters Parade Committee—Captain J. Thompson Brown, chairman; room 704, Mutual Building.

Headquarters Information and Credentials Committee—Captain C. T. Locher, chairman; room 25, Shafter Building, corner Tenth and Main Streets.

Quartermaster-General—Captain D. A. Brown, Jr.; headquarters at Camp John W. Gordon.

Treasurer—James N. Boyd, Planters' National Bank, corner Twelfth and Main Streets.

**STATE HEADQUARTERS.**  
Alabama—St. Mary's School, Marshall Street, between Third and Fourth; room, second floor.  
Arkansas—205 East Broad Street.  
Florida—University College of Medicine, Twelfth and Clay Streets.  
Georgia—Mechanics' Institute, Eleventh and Broad Streets.  
Indian Territory—Belvidere Hall, Main and Belvidere Streets; ante-rooms.  
Kentucky—Allen's Hotel, Tenth and Broad Streets.  
Louisiana—Cronshaw building, Main and Adams Streets.  
Maryland—St. Mary's School, Marshall Street, between Third and Fourth Streets; first floor.

Mississippi—802 East Marshall Street; ground floor.

Missouri—Murphy's Hotel, Eighth and Broad Streets.

North Carolina—Sanger Hall, Seventh Street, between Broad and Marshall.

Northwest and Pacific Coast—Jefferson Hotel, Jefferson and Franklin Streets.

Oklahoma—Cowardin Flats, Main Street, between Fourth and Fifth Streets; basement.

South Carolina—Cronshaw building, Main and Adams Streets.

Tennessee—Johnson Building, Eleventh and Cary Streets; second floor.

Texas—Belvidere Hall, Main and Belvidere Streets.

Virginia—607 East Main Street.  
West Virginia—802 East Marshall Street; basement.  
Sons of Veterans—14 West Main Street, Main and Adams Streets.

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## Booming—

The Times-Dispatch for the Month of May

Printed more advertising than in any other May in its history.

In the matter of circulation it sold more papers to regular subscribers than ever in its history—reaching all America and going to many foreign lands.

As for Richmond, it sells and delivers more papers every Sunday than there are residences, and reaches daily every street and ward in the city and 3,000 of possible 4,000 post-offices in Virginia.

The Times-Dispatch  
Is Supreme in Virginia.